



# **Streamlining Thermal Solar Permitting?**

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# FPL Energy is now NextEra Energy Resources



## Will renewable projects be treated differently?

### EO S-14-08 WHEREAS:

- “Promote”
- “Expand”
- “Accelerated”
- “Renewable resources provide multiple and significant benefits”
- “Substantially increased development”
- “Key priority”
- “Streamlining”
- “Encouraging”
- “Utilizing new areas of biologically sensitive land”
- “Conserving on an ecosystem scale”

## Is the Executive Order clear?

### EO S-14-08 “Do hereby order effective immediately”

- “Expedite”
- “Balance”
- “Reduce permit processing times”
- “Region wide plan”
- “Zones”
- “Priority to renewables”

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## Beacon Solar Energy Project: Poster Child Project?

- 250 MW concentrated solar trough.
- Entire plant footprint on private, previously-disturbed, fallow, non-prime agricultural land.
- Transmission line less than 3 miles.
- Groundwater use is a fraction of what was (or would be) used for farming same amount of land and modeling shows a negligible impact on groundwater table and surrounding users.
- ACF deemed data-adequate May 2008.
- PSA scheduled for April 2009 – almost 12 months later.

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## What can be done differently?

- Big Picture
- Trust
- Analysis paralysis
- Interveners with a different agenda